

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-14 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 5 and 6 are amended by the present amendment. Support for the amended claims can be found in the original specification, claims and drawings.¹ No new matter is presented.

In the Office Action, Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Hashizume et al. (U.S. Pub. 2003/0142955, herein Hashizume) in view of Seo (U.S. Patent No. 6,798,980).

In response to the above noted rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103, Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claims 1, 5 and 6 recite novel features clearly not taught or rendered obvious by the applied references.

Independent Claim 1, for example, recites, in part, an information processing apparatus capable of copying image information recorded on a first recording medium onto a second recording medium, comprising:

display control means for controlling displaying of a copying operation window which includes a first icon corresponding to the first recording medium, at least one image information icon corresponding to the image information recorded on the first recording medium and a second icon corresponding to the second recording medium;

moving means for *selecting and moving one of the at least one image information icon in the copying operation window to the second icon*;

determining means for *determining if the moving means moves the one of the at least one image information icon to the second icon ...*

writing means for writing the image information read out by said readout means or the image information converted by said conversion means onto the second recording medium based on the setting of said first setting means.

As disclosed in an exemplary embodiment at Figs. 13-15 and pp. 37-41 of the specification, a plurality of “cabinets” are displayed, which may correspond to the claimed

¹ e.g., specification at Figs. 13-15 and pp. 37-41.

first and second icons corresponding to first and second recording mediums. An icon corresponding to “AV contents” is also displayed, which may be “dragged to and dropped onto the icon” to which the data is to be copied.

Independent Claims 5 and 6, while directed to alternative embodiments, recite similar features. Accordingly, the remarks and arguments presented below are applicable to each of independent Claims 1, 5 and 6.

Turning to the applied reference, Hashizume describes a video system for reproducing, recording and editing moving images, where an abnormal image of a video sequence can be recorded and displayed as a still image.²

Hashizume, however, fails to teach or suggest “selecting and *moving one of the at least one image information icon in the copying operation window to the second icon*” and “determining means for *determining if the moving means moves the one of the at least one image information icon to the second icon*”, as recited in independent Claims 1, 5 and 6.

In rejecting the claimed features directed to “selecting and moving ...” p. 3 of the Office Action relies on Fig. 6 and paragraphs [0017]-[0018] of Hashizume. Paragraphs [0017]-[0018] of Hashizume, however, relate to the user interface shown in Fig. 4, which depicts an error state when “dubbing” is not being performed properly, and in is no way related to moving a first icon [corresponding to image information recorded on the first recording medium] to a second icon [corresponding to the second recording medium], as claimed.

Further, as described at paragraphs [0064]-[0066], Fig. 6 of Hashizume depicts a user interface that includes, *inter alia*, a video reproduction display area 601, a video signal switching button area 602, an operation window 610 for instructing to reproduce, record and edit video data, and a series of M-icons 606 for reproduced images currently being

² Hashizume, Abstract.

monitored. Therefore, Hashizume does appear to describe that an icon 606 is presented on the user interface that corresponds to image information, but fails to teach or suggest that any of these “M-icons” may be moved to any one of switches (e.g., radio buttons) representing either the reproducing apparatus 201 (e.g., corresponding to display box “A”) or the recording/reproducing apparatus 207 (e.g., corresponding to display box “B”). Instead, as described at paragraph [0079] of Hashizume, the radio buttons corresponding to display box “A” and display box “B” may be selected to control whether the images from the reproducing apparatus 201 or recording/reproducing apparatus 207 are displayed on the user interface. Thus, Hashizume fails to teach or suggest that any of the “M-icons” may be moved to one of the radio buttons 602, whatsoever, much less that such movement of an icon is “determined” and initiates a process to readout the data corresponding to the icon from a first recording medium, convert the readout data, and write the data to the second recording medium, as claimed.

Further, Seo, the secondary reference, fails to remedy the above noted deficiencies of Hashizume.

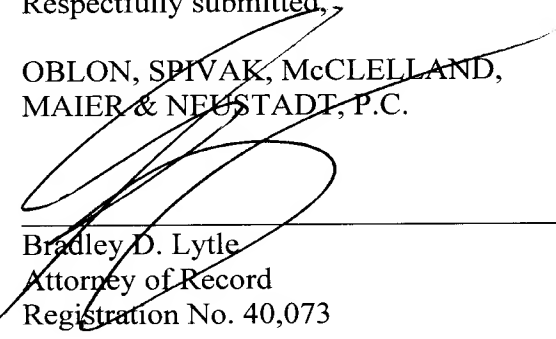
Therefore, even if combined, Hashizume and Seo fail to teach or suggest “selecting and *moving one of the at least one image information icon in the copying operation window to the second icon*”, “*determining if the moving means moves the one of the at least one image information icon to the second icon*”, and performing the subsequent “setting”, “reading out”, “converting” and “writing” features performed as a result of the determination that the image information icon was moved to the second icon, as recited in independent Claims 1, 5 and 6.

Accordingly, for at least the reasons discussed above, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claims 1, 5 and 6 (and the claims that depend therefrom) under 35 U.S.C. § 103 be withdrawn.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the foregoing comments, it is respectfully submitted that the invention defined by Claims 1-14 is patentably distinguishing over the applied references. The present application is therefore believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable reconsideration of the application is therefore requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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